

them principally out. He intimated nothing  
like a war spirit <sup>or opposition to abolitionists</sup> that I recollect and showed  
nothing like ugliness. I fear that our sympathy  
for colored brethren sometimes has made us too  
careless about examining into their character before  
we aided them. Colored brethren such as Cornish Wright  
Van Rensselaer &c are better judges than we are gen-  
erally and I am determined to refer such cases  
to their supervision hereafter.

Mr Van Rensselaer  
said  
says that the meeting was about a man who  
had been charged with assisting kidnappers. He warned  
some of the colored people against Davis when at Boston  
says that he did not pretend to have recommendations  
from W Birney. They were from a justice of  
the peace and some others. Says he wanted money for  
a church and school together.

In great haste  
as the mail closes  
Yours affec  
J. J. Locust



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Dear Brother

I have been a N. Man a few days and yesterday afternoon rec'd your letter. I cannot answer all your questions about Owen Davis. He had I think a letter from some one or more of our friends in this but whether Mr Birney was one I cannot say or who.

He was soliciting I think particularly for an institution for Colored people. I think <sup>more</sup> specially for a school. ~~He~~ might have intended to connect with his application some conveniences for preaching but the school was either the entire or main object. I do not recollect what

amount of funds he wanted. nor what he obtained in this City. I should not think the sum considerable.

My impression was favorable respecting Owen Davis on the whole. He went to New Haven and dined with us although it was with the greatest difficulty that I could get him to my table. I attributed this to his being unaccustomed to eating with whites. I thought that he had not been much with abolitionists or doubted their sincerity in inviting him to eat with them. I told him what our sentiments were and that abolitionists should and would attempt in their practice to carry